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SENATOR DIERKS: Thank you. I wonder if I could visit with Senator Coordsen a moment, please?

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Coordsen, would you respond?

SENATOR COORDSEN: Oh, no! Oh, no! Yeah, okay.

SENATOR DIERKS: I've got a treatment for that, in case you're interested in it. (Laughter)

SENATOR COORDSEN: Does it involve Bag Balm?

SENATOR DIERKS: A good dose of it, yes. Why, I'm concerned about the restricted fund, nonrestricted fund issue here, and I don't know if you followed the amendment or not, but they are going to take some money from the Pesticide Administrative Cash Fund and use that as a way to fund the water quality problems with NRDs. Would that qualify as restricted or nonrestricted?

SENATOR COORDSEN: I am not so sure that I'm capable of asking that...answering that question. The bill that I had introduced to the Appropriations Committee, some several weeks past, did in fact propose to take \$300,000 from the Pesticide Cash Fund that's currently in the Department of Agriculture's budget and transfer that to fund a nitrogen program for center-pivot irrigation at the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources, and it further authorized the Appropriations Committee to, from time to time, reduce the balance in the Pesticide Cash Fund. Now I suppose that would classify it as somewhat restricted funds.

SENATOR DIERKS: Okay, thank you very much. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I, too, would like to very much state my appreciation to Senator Schrock for working so hard with a large number of parties to try to develop something that approached a fix to the problem and this would be a gigantic step forward if we were able to do